ALCA IMPENNIS.

Character Genericus.

Roſtrum edentulum, breve, compreſſum, convexum, tranſverſe ſæpius ſulcatum.
Nares lineares.
Lingua fere longitudine roſtri.
Pedes tridactyli palmati, digito poſtico nullo.
Lath. ind. orn. p. 791.

Character Specificus, &c.

ALCA roſtro compreſſo-ancipiti ſulcato, macula ovata utrinque ante oculos.
Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 210.

ALCA major.
Briſs. av. 6. p. 85.

Mergus Americanus.
Clus. exot. p. 103.

Qui in antarcticis partibus *Pinguinariis* datur ordo, in arcticis idem *Alcis* videtur recte tribuendus. Ob alas breviſſimas ad pinguinariarum ſimilitudinem præcipue accedit ſpecies quam depinximus, nec volandi capax, nec recti et firmi inceſſus. Europæ et Americæ regiones maxime ſeptentrionales incolit,

raro e mari in littus progediens, nisi ovum deponendi causa, quod unicum parere dicitur in nudo aliquo loco prope marginem. Magnitudo avi est quasi anseris communis.

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THE

GREAT AWK.

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Generic Character.

Beak toothleſs, ſhort, compreſſed, convex, often tranſverſly ſulcated.

Noſtrils linear.

Tongue almoſt the length of the bill.

Feet tridactyle, webbed, without hind toe.

Specific Character, &c.

AWK with compreſſed furrowed beak, with an oval white ſpot on each ſide the head before the eyes.

GREAT AWK.

Lath. ſyn. 3. p. 311.

Northern Penguin.

Edw. 147.

The Alcæ or Awks ſeem to hold the ſame rank in the northern hemiſphere with the Penguins in the ſouthern: the preſent ſpecies, in particular, from the remarkable ſmallneſs of its wings, is extremely allied to the Penguins, being equally incapacitated both for flight and for ſteady walking. It is a native of the moſt northern parts of Europe and Aſia, and is not often ſeen on ſhore, except in the breeding ſeaſon, when it comes to depoſit and hatch its egg, (for it is ſaid to lay but one,) on ſome bare ſpot on the edge of the coaſt. It is about the ſize of a gooſe.